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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Examination of Rats.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended January 13, 3 cases of plague, with 2 deaths, were reported at Hongkong.

During the same period 1,633 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

COLOMBIA.

Barranquilla—Communicable Diseases.

The report of the Charity Hospital in Barranquilla for the month of November, 1911, shows 523 ambulatory cases examined, of which 180 were malaria, 60 enteritis, 40 dysentery, 25 metrorrhagia, 18 tuberculosis, 50 hepatitis, 25 grippe, 14 gastritis, 30 anemia (probably caused by hookworm or malaria), 26 rheumatism. Of 100 cases in hospital at the end of the month, 50 were malaria from Aracataca, 10 malaria from a locality at the mouth of Atrato River, 10 malaria from Zaragoza. This statement gives an idea of the prevailing diseases among the poorer classes.

CUBA.

Transmissible Diseases.

The following statement of transmissible diseases in the island of Cuba was issued by the sanitary department:

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1912

	New cases.	Deaths.	Cases remaining under treatment.
Tuberculosis.....	131	180	1,712
Leprosy.....	5	3	350
Malaria.....	142	15	141
Typhoid fever.....	66	12	64
Diphtheria.....	85	12	19
Scarlet fever.....	18	1	6
Measles.....	80	4	32
Varicella.....	13	0	9
Tetanus in new-born.....	10	10	1
Filariasis.....	2	0	2
Dengue.....	1	0	1

HAWAII.

Plague at Honakaa—Infected Rats.

Chief Quarantine Officer Ramus reports, February 29, the occurrence of 2 deaths from plague at Honakaa February 25. Two plague-infected rats were found at Hilo and 1 at Honakaa.